

SENATE RESOLUTION 108
By Kilby

A RESOLUTION to commend Jami Mayberry for exemplary service as a legislative employee.

WHEREAS, each legislative session this body is pleased to recognize certain persons who have committed themselves, through their adroit service, to the betterment of the legislative process; and

WHEREAS, Jami Mayberry is one such individual who has distinguished herself in her role as an executive assistant, first for Senator Mike Walker and then Senator Tommy Kilby; her work has resulted in innumerable benefits for the legislators she assisted and the General Assembly as a whole; and

WHEREAS, born and raised in Amarillo, Texas, Ms. Mayberry attended Texas A & M University, where she began her 23-year career in radio broadcasting; and

WHEREAS, she has worked as an on-air personality in Dallas, Oklahoma City, and Orange County, California, where she was the first woman to host her own nationally syndicated radio show in the format of Contemporary Christian Music; she was also the first woman on live, nationwide satellite radio in the Contemporary Christian Music format; and

WHEREAS, in 1989, Ms. Mayberry returned to the country music radio format, and she moved to Nashville to work as an on-air personality for WSM-FM; she then worked eight years for WSIX-FM, and in 2001, she began employment with the XM Satellite Radio network, with a nationwide daily live broadcast from the Country Music Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, during her tenure with the network, she was able to interview many country artists, including every living member of the Grand Ole Opry and the Country Music Hall of Fame, among a host of others; she is also the narrator of the Patsy Cline exhibit at the Grand Ole Opry Museum; and

WHEREAS, as a guest of Tennessee Titan's General Manager Floyd Reese and his wife, Sally, at a Titans game, Jami was fortunate to meet Senator Mike Walker, the new Senator from District 12; Senator Walker discerned that her people skills made Jami a perfect match for political life, and he brought her on board as his executive assistant; and

WHEREAS, Jami has enjoyed the great honor of working not only for Senator Walker, but also Senator Tommy Kilby, the even newer Senator from District 12; and

WHEREAS, eager to familiarize herself with the characteristics and complexity of Tennessee state government, Jami Mayberry brought her many abilities and singular expertise to Capitol Hill for the 2003 session of the One Hundred Third General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, throughout the 2003 legislative session, Ms. Mayberry has surpassed all criteria that define a devoted and conscientious executive assistant; and

WHEREAS, though she has waltzed with Willie Nelson, played golf with Jan Howard, and seen the country music world with a backstage view for over two decades, she considers her work with the General Assembly to be the honor of her life; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Mayberry has performed her many duties with extraordinary insight and rare decorum, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby commend Jami Mayberry for

outstanding service as an executive assistant for Senator Tommy Kilby and Senator Mike Walker and extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

WHEREAS,